



The Spirit

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Make A Difference

As we approach Commitment Sunday on October 25, may we each take time to renew our commitment to God and the church and recognize the many ways our gifts in the coming year can make a difference in the lives of those served by the ministries and missions of our congregation.

We know there is a need for spiritual, emotional and physical nourishment in our congregation and beyond our doors. And through thoughtful prayer and contemplation each of us can come to understand how God would have us respond to the call to service and ministry.

It is a call to be good caretakers and stewards of what God has given us. And a call to share a fraction of what God has given us to help those in need in immeasurable ways. It is an invitation to "Make a Difference" in the lives of those in need and, ultimately, in our own lives. Because it is by serving others, the least of these, that we are redeemed, transformed and made whole in Christ.

As John Wesley taught, being good stewards involves three essential tasks – we should first earn all we can through honest labor. Then save all we can so that, finally, we can give all we can.

Over the next two weeks, may each of us prayerfully consider how God would have us serve and share in the coming year. With God's help, we can heed the call to love our neighbor, to feed the hungry and heal the sick. Opening our hearts to the needs of others will "Make A Difference" in the lives those in need and in our own lives.

The Power of a Simple Gift

Send a gift of joy and the message of God's love to children around the globe. The Tween Team will be selling decorated plastic shoeboxes this Sunday, October 18, and Sunday, October 25, in support of Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes will be located outside the Welcome Center and across from Wesley Hall. Two dollars for decorated boxes and one dollar for undecorated. All proceeds go to Operation Christmas Child.

Family Fall Fest

Join us for our Family Fall Festival on Friday, October 23, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We will have games, crafts, pumpkins, inflatable slide, and bounce house! Petro-style dinner is served from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and is a youth fundraiser – donations accepted. Bring a friend! (Happy costumes optional)

Worship With Us!

October 18, 2009

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

"The Bridge"

Romans 12:1-3

Sermon by Melissa, Jim, and Don

Contemporary Service (11:00)

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Journey**

"The Bridge"

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Wednesday Fellowship

October 21, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Baked Turkey Club Sandwich on Whole Wheat Sub Roll, Vegetable Beef Soup, Tossed Salad, Yellow Cake With Chocolate Icing

Light Side: Baked Chicken Breast, Vegetable Beef Soup

Kid's Menu: Mini Burgers with Tots or Chips, Yogurt or Gelatin with Fruit, Fresh Fruit & Veggies

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Adults \$6, Children (5th grade and under) \$3; Families of 3 or more \$16, Seniors (65+) \$5

Make your reservations online, on the worship attendance card, or call the church office before noon on Tuesday, October 20.

THE PASTOR CORNERED

What an amazing weekend we had at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, just outside Kansas City. It is a church that is absolutely on fire for serving the Lord in bringing people to know and love Christ. They have a story to tell about how they are doing it, and all 13 of us listened very closely. The workshops and lectures were challenging; the worship was inspiring; and the fellowship was renewing, especially as we gathered at Jen Smith's parents' home for two meals and our Saturday planning session. (Additionally, all the women stayed in the Yoss's home, which enabled us to take more people.)

In spite of all this, though, the moment that brought tears to my eyes was after the third worship service of the weekend when I checked my text messages and found some videos from the Children's Sabbath service at Keith Memorial UMC in Athens, TN. All three of our grandchildren were involved in choirs, and our 10-year-old grandson, Bradley, was the preacher for the morning. The first video I saw was of Bradley behind the pulpit, with his little head barely visible above the pulpit (sound familiar?). My heart ached to have been there, not with regret for where I was but also with the intense desire to have been in two places (well, actually three, counting FCUMC) at once. I am sitting in the Kansas City airport right now, but I can't wait to get home and see a DVD of it.

It occurred to me that as we had talked about the role of the church all weekend in helping to make disciples that here was my own grandson being nourished and nurtured in the faith by his family, first, and his church. In his ten short years, already he has had four churches that have helped to nourish and nurture him in the faith – including

FCUMC for nine months when he and his mom stayed with us during the week days while his dad was in seminary and Amy was pregnant with Mary Haisten. He was in our weekday preschool, Wednesday evening activities and other programs of our church. You loved him and cared for him. You have helped to make a difference in his life at a time (six years ago) when he hardly realized that you were doing that.

I am overcome with joy as I think of the ways you have helped to do that for Bradley and have done it with thousands of other children in 184 years and are doing it with hundreds of children today. You are making a difference! That's why the church is here – to help transform lives for Jesus Christ and to give praise and glory to God.

In the next two weeks you will be hearing about how our church is making a difference in the lives of others. No one of us could do that alone. It takes all of us praying, working, and loving together. I pray that we will continue to "Make a Difference" through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

And now a word to Bradley: Bradley, you are a brave young man to do what you did. Your friends are watching you, and they know you love Jesus. Your church at Keith is continuing to nurture you, as is your family. We are excited to see the steps you are taking for Christ. I pray for you and your brother and sister every day because I love you all and because I know God loves you even more! That's hard to believe, but He does! And, now, you are making a difference in people's lives. Thank you!

- Jim

PRAYER FOCUS



Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Holy God as I am called to take different paths, or travel difficult roads, and you ask me to perform jobs I don't want to undertake for you let me feel your presence and see your face. I know you will be there to hold me up as I do your will.

MISSIONS

Get Involved Now!

No excuses this time -- every church member can be involved!

You can be involved somehow in the Operation INASMUCH mission day in Fountain City on Oct. 24. We will be partnering with churches around our community to be in service to our community. Here's how you can be involved:

- Sign up to participate in one of the Operation INASMUCH projects. You can register online at www.fountaincityumc.org or come by the church office to fill out the registration form. There are several projects to choose from and many can be done as a family.
- Bring cans of food to church that will be donated to the Fountain City Ministry Center. This is a way that every church member can participate in helping our local community support families that are in need.

Get ready to get involved in serving our community!

Salt & Light Missions Brochure

The 2009-2010 brochure for Salt & Light Special missions is located in the narthex or on the church website. This brochure will detail the mission agencies that will be the focus of our special missions giving each month. Stop by and pick up a brochure so you can see how you can be in prayer, get involved in service opportunities, and give financially to support some great mission ministries.

Understanding Poverty Class

On October 21 at 6:30 in room 138, we will be teaming up with the Clergy Task Force of the Community Coalition on Family Violence seeking to better identify, understand, and ultimately help prevent domestic violence. Our objective on this night is to make as many people as possible aware of domestic violence, how to recognize it, and some of the resources available to deal with it - especially through the Family Justice Center.

We hope to see you on October 21 as we welcome the Rev. Albert N. Minor as our guest speaker.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Welcome to The Net Fall Fundraiser



Join us Sunday October 25th after the 11:00 worship service for a hearty home-style meal by our own Doug Shipman and crew! Donations will be accepted to apply towards student scholarships and activities.

Thanks From The Net Middle Schoolers

A thousand thanks for all who have contributed paper items, birthday cakes, tee shirts for our tie-dying project, snacks, meals, cash donations, and volunteer enthusiasm. The Net is successful because of folks like you.

For anyone who enjoys picking up items from garage sales, we have a brilliant young man who has a need to create from K'Nex or Legos or model cars / planes etc. For him, no instructions are needed. He will invent it. I would love to be able to support his unique interest. I can be reached at jevans@fountaincityumc.org, 865-689-5175 ext. 119, or my cell: 548-8855.
- Janice Evans, Net Director

Can You Pray?

This year we have 7 boys and 12 girls in our Confirmation class and we need men and women to serve as Secret Prayer Partners for these special young people.

What does serving as a Secret Prayer Partner involve? It involves praying daily for the confirmand that you are assigned to, sending birthday cards and special notes. If you choose, maybe even giving your Confirmand a small gift when they are confirmed in May. You will also be invited to the Confirmation banquet that will be in May. At that time we will share with our confirmands who their Secret Prayer Partner was.

If you are interested in serving or have any questions please contact Andrew Cooper at 689-5175 ext. 107 or acooper@fountaincityumc.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR - OCTOBER 16-OCTOBER 24

Friday, October 16

- 10:00 AM Pumpkin Playdate at the Fruit and Berry Patch
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, October 17

- 10:00 AM Basketball (Gencay) (Gym)
4:00 PM Chancel Choir Social (Offsite)

Sunday, October 18

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)+
The Journey Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
Youth Virginia Creeper Bike Trail (Offsite)
4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study (Room 138)*
5:00 PM OffeRing Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
6:00 PM Love & Logic Parent Sessions (Wesley Hall)*
Discerning the Voice of God (Room 106)*
Sunday Night Bible Study (Room 137)
Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
7:15 PM College-Age Bible Study (Panera Bread)

Monday, October 19

- 8:30 AM Preschool (M-F) (Preschool Hallway)
9:00 AM Aerobics (M,W,F) (Gym)
9:30 AM Esther Bible Study (Wesley Hall)
3:30 PM The Net (M-F) (The Net Room)
4:00 PM Middle School Yoga (Gym)
5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
5:30 PM Preschool Staff Meeting (Room 138)*
6:00 PM Permanent Endowment Committee (Room 136)
6:30 PM MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers (Wesley Hall)*
7:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meetings (Various Rooms)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, October 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 137)
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 137)
10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)
4:00 PM OffeRing II Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (Room 137)

Wednesday, October 21

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 PM Genesis Children's Handbells (Handbell Room)
5:30 PM Fellowship Meal (Gym)
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)+
High School Youth Group (Net Room)+
Tollers Adult Handbells (Handbell Room)+

Wednesday, continued

- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Live Children's Activities:
(Upper Floor Children's Wing)+
Parent Ministry Team Planning (Room 201)+
Pastors Bible Study (Room 137)+
Understanding Poverty (Room 138)+
The Bible & Prayer (Room 117)+
Caregivers (Room 112)+
Short-Term Disciple Study (Susanna Wesley)+
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
7:45 PM *The Journey* Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Thursday, October 22

- 4:30 PM Children's Yoga (Gym)
6:30 PM Special Needs Ministry (Room 137)*
7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Friday, October 23

- 9:00 AM Singles Trip (Offsite)
5:30 PM Family Fall Fest (Various Rooms)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, October 24

- 9:30 AM Operation INASMUCH - Serve Knoxville
As One (Gym)*
5:30 PM Open Door Community Meal (Gym)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade
+ Activities provided for children from birth through 3-
year-old Sunday school

The Spirit Bible Question

Question: Which Psalm was written by Moses?

Know the answer? Email your answer to
aduncan@fountaincityumc.org.

Last Week's Answer: The bronze snake that Moses
put up was called *Nehushtan*. (2 Kings 18:4)

Congratulations to Bill Miller & Derek Osborne, and
"interesting parallel" points to Allan Bible for his
answer of "*caduceus*"!

Emergency On Call - October 16-18

Jim Whedbee

October Drivers

Morning: Tim McComas
After Church: Michael Rogers

Medical Transportation: (Call the Church Office)

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



24 Days till the 45th Church-Wide Bazaar-November 7

You don't want to miss this exciting Fall Festival!

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. - Shop the unique booths in the Gym

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. - Dine for Lunch in The Bistro (Wesley Hall)

You may drop off your donations on the following Wednesday Nights before the Bazaar (October 21, 28 and November 4). A card table will be set up in the corner of Wesley Hall during dinner. If everyone makes a donation, just think of the money our church will raise for missions. See the sign up board outside Wesley Hall for items we need donated.

If you are interested in setting up on Friday, working the day of the Bazaar, or have a question or idea, please call Julie Knoefel (405-7251).

Altar Flower Opening Date



We have an open date for altar flowers in the sanctuary for October 25. If you would like to place flowers on that date, please contact Helen Jordan in the church office. Thank you!

Gift to the Church

A generous donation was received in the church financial office from an unknown donor. It appears to be a gift from the sale of stock shares. In order to give credit to the proper contributor, we need this donation to be claimed. Please contact either the church administrator or the financial assistant at 689-5175 to verify the gift.

WE REJOICE



We are happy to announce the birth of **Jonathan Tyler Slack, Jr.** on October 6, 2009. Congratulations to Tyler and Julia on the birth of their son.

We are also happy to announce the birth of **Carys Elyse Bible** on October 7, 2009. Congratulations to Julie Bible and Doug Dawson on the birth of their daughter.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Capital Campaign: In Memory Of:
Wanda Bennett by Liz & Zeno Brown
In Honor Of: LeRoy & Sandra Hatcher by
Hunter Shupe



**Choir Fund: In Honor Of: Andrew
Duncan** by Sherman & Elizabeth Morton



Fountain City Ministry Center:
In Memory Of: Wanda Bennett by
Tom Harrington; Dorothy Stuart;
Louise Underwood by Tom Harrington



General Fund: In Memory Of:
Wanda Bennett by Ron, Mary, Leah, and
Blair Brabson; Denny & Cindy Mayes;
JOY Club; Peggy Slater; Etta Faye Conner
In Honor Of: LeRoy & Sandra Hatcher by
Hunter Shupe



Melton Scholarship Fund:
In Memory Of: Bill English, Wanda Bennett
by Charlotte Musgraves
In Honor Of: Louise Nelson, Dick Foster by
Charlotte Musgraves; **Dorothy Stuart** by
Chloe Harrington



Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of:
Wanda Bennett by Patricia & Ila Satterfield;
Sherman & Elizabeth Morton;
Louise Underwood by Patricia & Ila
Satterfield

OUR SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy to Justin and Holly Gillespie on the death of Justin's grandmother, **Mary Elizabeth Thurman**, on October 7, 2009.

We also extend our sympathy to Cheryl Bible in the loss of her aunt, **Martha Eubanks**, on October 7, 2009.

THE SPIRIT

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of October 13, 2009
(removed for privacy)

Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital
(removed for privacy)

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, October 11, 2009

Sunday School	427
Leadership Institute Participants	13
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	148
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	272
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	89
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	48
Total Morning Worship	570
Wednesday Fellowship Meal (10/7)	169

OUR GIFTS

Received 10/5-10/11	\$18,341.32
Year to Date	\$1,029,952.02
Expenses to Date	\$1,067,893.50
Difference	(-\$37,941.48)
Salt & Light	\$585.00

OUR SERVICE

October 8:30 Ushers: Charles & Celia Thompson, Head Ushers; Scott & Twila Womack

October 11:00 Ushers: Ernest Sprouse, Head Usher; Richard & Sonja Bock, Harry McLeod, Bill Reseigh, David Howell, Mark Sharpe, Mike Hensley, Doug Cox, Dean Vance, John Meade

October Journey Ushers:
Sandy & Johnny Morgan

October Greeters: Louise Nelson, Al & Beverly Stigall, Mary Fredna Danford, Bill and Betty Dyke, Rachael Hedgpeeth, Mandy Patton, Wanda Ledford

Upcoming Youth Events

- Oct. 18: Virginia Creeper Bike Trail Trip (\$20)
 - Oct. 31: High School Fall Retreat Early Registration Due (\$70)
 - Nov. 8: District Festival of Gifts and Talents
 - Nov. 13-15: High School Fall Retreat
 - Jan. 15-17: High School Resurrection
 - Jan. 22-24: Middle School Resurrection
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